



Kentucky State University

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KSU Named A Best University In Its Region

U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review listed Kentucky State University as a best university in the South, according to their recently released 2011 rankings.

In its fifth consecutive appearance on *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Regional Colleges list, KSU advanced to the 49th spot. It was named the 32nd best historically black university on the third annual Best Black Colleges list. KSU also has distinguished itself on the Princeton Review's Best Colleges, Region By Region listing for several years.

Gridiron Moving Co. Provides Move-In Day Relief



Members of the Kentucky State University Football Team provided welcome assistance Aug. 18 when new and returning students moved into the university's seven residence halls. The Gridiron Moving Co., formed under head football Coach Wayne Dickens in 2009 to give back to the campus community, helped carry refrigerators, cinder blocks, large totes, appliances and other large items as well as boxes, bags and suitcases to help expedite the move-in process for most families and students.

Kentucky State University Welcomes Visitors From Tamale, Ghana



Kentucky State University President Mary Evans Sias welcomed visitors from Tamale, Ghana, Aug. 3 to discuss a partnership between the university and Tamale's University for Development Studies.

The visitors were in Kentucky as part of the Sister Cities program. Louisville and Tamale have been Sister Cities since 1979.

Shedrick Jones of Louisville and Dr. Susan Herlin, president and chief executive officer of Kilimanjaro Foods Inc. and a chief of friendship, love and peace in Tamale, arranged for the delegation to travel to Frankfort to explore KSU's offerings. They knew that many of KSU's programs, namely its aquaculture program, could benefit the Tamale economy.

While on campus, the visitors met with deans and university officials, toured the Aquaculture Research Center and Research and Demonstration Farm, visited the State Governmental Services Center and saw the Land Grant mobile video production unit.

AWA Program Prepares Students For College Rigor



Nearly 100 new freshmen began school Aug. 23 better prepared for their classes, thanks to the summer preparation of the Academics With Attitude program, Kentucky State University's Quality Enhancement Plan.

The 98 students in the six-week program all required developmental education in one or more subjects.

Through seminars teaching the students study and time management skills, introducing them to academic resources and tutoring in mathematics, the students all tested out of the lowest level of developmental math, and many tested a couple of levels above where they began.

Their English skills also improved, and the students jumpstarted their college careers by taking the mandatory university orientation class as well as reading and writing courses for credit.

Women's Basketball Team Congratulates Scholar, Welcomes Coach



Latrice Watkins

Kentucky State University senior Latrice Watkins received a \$6,000 2010 Division II Degree Completion Award scholarship from the National Collegiate Athletic Association to continue her education.

Watkins, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, played basketball at KSU for four years and was a team captain. Majoring in elementary education, Watkins maintained a 3.926 grade point average.

The purpose of the Division II Degree Completion Award program is to provide financial assistance to deserving student-athletes to help them complete their first baccalaureate degree. Candidates are students who



Serena King-Coleman

have exhausted their athletic eligibility and have received athletics financial aid.

While she won't have Watkins' talents this year, Serena King-Coleman is optimistic about her team.

She joined Kentucky State University as its new women's basketball coach in July. While she is excited to build on the success of the program and jump to a larger school, she also is glad to be closer to home.

The Mt. Sterling, Ky., native left the Bluegrass in 1993 for college and began her coaching career, which moved her around North Carolina and Virginia. She says it will be nice to have her family and friends cheering her on the sidelines.

While King-Coleman enjoyed the responsibility of her past positions – serving as a recruiting coordinator, senior women's administrator and the assistant athletics director, which developed her leadership skills, she is excited to now focus solely on coaching.

SEED Students Learn Leadership Skills

The students in Kentucky State University's Scholarships for Education and Economic Development program graduated Aug. 16 from the Leadership Plenty program, a summer program that equipped them with the skills necessary to lead their home countries and enact their community action plans when they return next year. Some of the students said the communication portions – both listening to others and communicating their points effectively – were the most valuable parts of Leadership Plenty because it taught them how to work with others to accomplish their goals.

